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1. In August 1949, the Vorläufiger Komitee der Friedensbewegung (Provisional Committee for a Peace Movement), headed by Dr. Adolf von Hatzfeld and formed by 'West German peace lovers', announced a decision to organize a unified peace movement of all friends of peace in West Germany. Calling attention to the peace congresses held in Paris and New York, the committee called for participation in the world peace movement.
2. The appeal was signed, in addition to von Hatzfeld, by several men known to be active in other communist front organizations, among them Dr. Manfred Hausman, fellow-travelling poet, Dr. Herbert Eulenber, member of Sozialdemokratische Aktion, Hans Ziegler, of Sozialdemokratische Aktion, and Dr. Reinhard Streckor, of the Nauheim Circle. It called for support from persons of all social classes, all religions and all political parties.
3. In January 1950, the organization of the Komitee der Kämpfer für den Frieden (Committee of Fighters for Peace) (KFF) for Western Germany was announced, its headquarters to be in Frankfurt/Main, its chief to be Dr. von Hatzfeld. Other officials are Gerhard Wohlrath, secretary, and Konrad Frielinghaus. The group has offices at Domplatz 12 (same building as headquarters of western zone FDJ) and Schweizerstrasse 38, both Frankfurt/Main.
4. Several days prior to this announcement, the establishment of a group of similar coloration was publicized. Identified variously as the 'Aktionskomitee für den Frieden' (Action Committee for Peace) and 'Komitee für den Kampf um den Frieden' (Committee for the Fight for Peace), its members were Rolf Schöppner, editor of "Der Notruf", August Kuper, VVN chairman for Hesse and member of the council of Sozialdemokratische Aktion, Konrad Frielinghaus, official of KFF, Herbert Koch, Land chairman FDJ, Otto Lichtinger, KPD.
5. The Komitee der Kämpfer für den Frieden, following the establishment of its West German headquarters in Frankfurt, proceeded to organize chapters in other cities of Western Germany, among them the following:

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6. In recent months, Land congresses have been held in Stuttgart (Württemberg-Baden) and Düsseldorf (~~North-Rhine-Westphalia~~).

PROGRAM

7. KFF has quoted statements of the various world congresses of Fighters for Peace as its own aims for Western Germany. Among these are the following:
- Cessation of the armaments race.
  - An end to the terrible threat of atomic bombardment.
  - Cessation of the wars of intervention in Indonesia, Malaya and Indo-China.
  - An end to efforts to repress the fight for peace, to break down popular resistance and to prepare for war.
  - Stopping of the 'Cold War' and a rebirth of trust and confidence.
8. In April 1950, the Land conference of KFF for Württemberg-Baden issued the following demands:
- A ban on remilitarization.
  - Punishment of warmongers.
  - Agreement among all nations.
  - Peaceful settlement of all international conflicts.
  - Signature of a German peace treaty.
  - Removal of occupation forces.

ACTIVITIES

9. The major activity of KFF thus far was a petition campaign conducted throughout the western zones during April and May and directed against the use of atomic weapons. Taken from a declaration of the world congress of Fighters for Peace at Stockholm (15-19 March 1950), the text of the petition read:
- "We demand an unconditional ban against atomic weapons as weapons of aggression and mass murder, as well as the establishment of strict international control over the carrying out of this resolution.
- "We will consider as war criminals the leaders of that government which first uses the atom bomb against any nation.
- "We appeal to all men of good will in the world to sign this resolution."
- Great effort was expended to give the petitions broad circulation, including orders from headquarters of KFD to its members to cooperate in the campaign.
10. Other activity has been confined largely to appeals for support in the 'peace movement', and attacks against the Western Powers and their aggressive policies.